



Cotton Insect Newsletter

Letter #4

Edisto Research & Education Center in Blackville, SC

25 May 2006

*****REMINDER*****

COTTON SCOUT SCHOOLS

5 JUNE AT EDISTO RESEARCH & EDUCATION CENTER IN BLACKVILLE

6 JUNE AT PEE DEE RESEARCH & EDUCATION CENTER IN FLORENCE

FREE PROGRAM, LUNCH, AND PRIZES

Newsletter Update

Previous newsletters are archived at <http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/cotton/cotton.htm>. Please distribute hard copies or electronic newsletter files to all interested, and please provide weekly input for the newsletter. Your observations and local knowledge are important – email or phone in your comments to me!

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Crop Situation

The NASS had us at about 77% planted at the end of the third week of May, just ahead of the 5-yr average of 70%. It has gotten pretty dry in places and wet in other places. In some of the dry places, cotton is struggling to get out of the ground, after having just enough moisture to germinate.

Cotton Scouting Schools

There is **no fee** associated with the upcoming *Cotton Scouting Schools*. The program will be open to the public. Because I have not required pre-registration for these schools (probably will do that in the future!), I need to get a quick count/rough idea of how many plan to attend each location to plan for lunch.

Please email me with:

1. A count of how many will be attending with your group or county and
2. Which location (EREC or PDREC) you will be attending

There will be Continuing Certification Hours (CCHs) and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attending the entire training. Here are the programs for each location:

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Edisto Research & Education Center, Blackville, SC – 5 June 2006

AM

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks – **Joe Varn**, County Agent, Barnwell County and **Jeremy Greene**, Entomologist
- 9:10 Cotton Growth and Development – **Mike Jones**, Extension Cotton Specialist
- 9:50 What's That Weed? – **Chris Main**, Extension Weed Management Specialist
- 10:15 BREAK (provided by sponsors)**
- 10:30 Identification of Beneficial Arthropods – **Jeremy Greene**, Cotton Entomologist
- 10:45 Scouting Procedures Overview and How to Start Scouting – **Tommy Walker**, County Agent, Hampton County
- 11:00 Recognizing and Scouting for Insect Pests – **Jeremy Greene**, Cotton Entomologist
- 11:30 **QUIZ** – Insect Identification (Prizes to be awarded to winners) – **Jeremy Greene**, Cotton Entomologist

PM

- 12:00 FREE LUNCH (provided by sponsors)**
- 1:00 Cotton Scouting Perspective from a Seasoned Entomologist – **Mike Sullivan**, Retired Cotton Entomologist
- 1:30 Consultant's Perspective on a Cotton Scout's Responsibility – **Mike McCarty**, Consultant
- 2:00 Pesticide and Safety Issues – **Bob Bellinger**, Extension Pesticide Information and Safety Education Coordinator
- 2:30-3:30 Answers to Insect Identification Quiz and Review, Hand Out Bayer Scout-Smart Kits and Prizes, Brief Field Visit, Adjourn

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Pee Dee Research & Education Center, Florence, SC – 6 June 2006

AM

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks – **David Gunter**, County Agent, Darlington County and **Jeremy Greene**, Cotton Entomologist
- 9:10 Cotton Growth and Development – **Mike Jones**, Extension Cotton Specialist
- 9:50 What's That Weed? – **Chris Main**, Extension Weed Management Specialist
- 10:15 BREAK (provided by sponsors)**
- 10:30 Identification of Beneficial Arthropods – **Jeremy Greene**, Cotton Entomologist
- 10:45 Scouting Procedures Overview and How to Start Scouting – **David Gunter**, County Agent, Darlington County
- 11:00 Recognizing and Scouting for Insect Pests – **Jeremy Greene**, Cotton Entomologist
- 11:30 **QUIZ** – Insect Identification (Prizes to be awarded to winners) – **Jeremy Greene**, Cotton Entomologist

PM

- 12:00 FREE LUNCH (provided by sponsors)**
- 1:00 Consultant's Perspective on a Cotton Scout's Responsibility – **Joe Cely**, Consultant & Retired County Agent
- 1:15 Pesticide and Safety Issues – **Bob Bellinger**, Extension Pesticide Information and Safety Education Coordinator
- 1:45 Answers to Insect Identification Quiz and Review
- 2:30 **Hand Out Bayer Scout-Smart Kits, Prizes & Field Visit**

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News from Above the Lakes

Greg Harvey in Sumter County had the following news: “Several growers have had to replant some cotton. Some fields had good emergence, but the seedlings died. Cool nights and windy conditions are being blamed. Other fields with heavier soils have had trouble obtaining a stand. Seeding depth, cool soils and crusting soil surfaces are being blamed. Some fields had some hail damage and are still being evaluated as to whether they will be replanted.”

News from Below the Lakes

We should have some data from our thrips work soon. I will post it in the newsletter. Tommy Walker in Hampton County has some thrips work as well and is making some interesting observations. We will have more on those trials soon.

Need More Information?

Log on to the following webpage to view important cotton management recommendations, data, and historical cotton insect newsletters: <http://www.clemson.edu/scg/ipm/cotton.html>

To see cotton insect newsletters for this year, go to the following webpage to view the cotton page at the Edisto Research & Education Center. <http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/cotton/cotton.htm>

We will continue to update this webpage in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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